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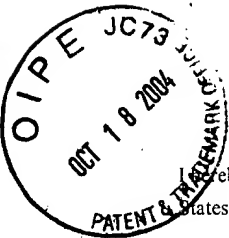
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IMPLEMENTING SHARED DISK
ARRAY MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3890

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 27, 2004, submitted herewith is a corrected Amendment which applicant's believe make this amendment compliant with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In particular, the Amendment to the claims section has been revised to reflect that claims 1-38 are canceled.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.